

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-7 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Kristen (USPN RE 24020). Claims 1, 6 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Calkin (USPN 3291476), and claims 1, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wanger (USPN 4967059).

However, the Examiner has pointed out that claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, claim 2 is deleted and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1 and 2 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior arts cited by the Examiner. It is believed that, the amended claim 1 has disclosed a structure whose construction and function are quite different from and patentably distinguishable over the cited prior arts. Therefore, it is believed that, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) should be removed, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable. Claims 3 and 4 are amended to dependent upon the amended claim 1 and should be allowable. Claims 5-14 are also allowable.

The Examiner has pointed out that claims 8-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in

independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, applicant hereby adds new claims 15-21, wherein claim 15 is an independent claim which is a combination of claims 1, 7 and 8 as originally filed and should be allowable. Claims 16-21 also allowable as they are dependent upon the claim 15 which is believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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